

Section 2. Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A portable vise comprising:
a base having at least one pair of converging engaging surfaces;
a clamp positionable over said base, said clamp having a screw member, a jaw, and a yoke interconnecting the jaw to the screw[,] **and**
said clamp **[further]** having a pair of opposing guide channels formed therein for slidably receiving said yoke.
2. **(Original)** A vise, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:
said jaw includes a flange and a curved engaging surface integral with said flange.
3. **(Original)** A vise, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:
said yoke includes a pair of extensions, each extension of said pair of extensions being slidably received in a corresponding channel of said pair of opposing guide channels.
4. **(Original)** A vise, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:
said yoke has a cavity formed therein for receiving a portion of said screw member and a portion of said jaw.
5. **(Original)** A vise, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:
said screw member has a first threaded portion and a second nonthreaded portion.
6. **(Original)** A vise, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:
said clamp includes a threaded opening for threadably receiving said screw member.
7. **(Original)** A vise, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:
said base has three pairs of converging engaging surfaces including two pairs of engaging surfaces arranged back to back, and a third pair of engaging surfaces arranged orthogonally with respect to said two pairs.
8. **(Original)** A vise, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

said base includes at least one pair of slots formed adjacent said at least one pair of converging engaging surfaces for receiving said clamp.

9. (Original) A vise, as claimed in Claim 8, wherein:

said clamp has a pair of legs, and a fork formed at a distal end of each leg, said forks being slidably engageable with said at least one pair of slots.

10. (Currently Amended) A portable vise comprising:

a base having at least one pair of converging engaging surfaces;

a clamp positionable over said base, said clamp having means for applying pressure to a workpiece, a jaw; [and]

means for interconnecting said jaw and said means for applying pressure, said means for interconnecting having a cavity formed therein enabling shifting of said jaw with respect to said means for applying pressure; and [,

said clamp further including a pair of opposing guide channels formed therein for slidably receiving said means for interconnecting.

11. (Original) A vise, as claimed in Claim 10, wherein:

said jaw includes a flange and a curved engaging surface integral with said flange.

12. (Original) A vise, as claimed in Claim 10, wherein:

said means for interconnecting includes a pair of extensions, each extension of said pair of extensions being slidably received in a corresponding channel of said pair of opposing guide channels.

13. (Original) A vise, as claimed in Claim 10, wherein:

said means for interconnecting has a cavity formed therein for receiving a portion of said means for applying pressure and a portion of said jaw.

14. (Original) A vise, as claimed in Claim 10, wherein:

said means for applying pressure has a first threaded portion and a second nonthreaded portion.

15. (Original) A vise, as claimed in Claim 10, wherein:

said base has three pairs of converging engaging surfaces including two pairs of engaging surfaces arranged back to back, and a third pair of engaging surfaces arranged orthogonally with respect to said two pairs.

16. (Original) A vise, as claimed in Claim 10, wherein:

said base includes at least one pair of slots formed adjacent to said at least one pair of converging engaging surfaces for receiving said clamp.

17. (Currently Amended) A vice, as claimed in Claim 3, to [method-of] secure
[securing] a workpiece, wherein a [comprising the steps of:

~~providing a portable vice including a base, said base including at least a pair of converging engaging surfaces;~~

~~providing a clamp mounted over the base;~~

~~mounting the] workpiece is mounted in said vice to rest against said [the] converging engaging surfaces;~~

~~said [manipulating a] threaded screw is manipulated to [integral with the clamp to simultaneously] move said [a] jaw to apply pressure against the workpiece;~~

~~[maintaining] proper alignment of said [the] screw is maintained as it is moved by said [a] yoke extensions slidably moving in said channels [communicating with the clamp]; and whereby [shifting] the jaw is shifted in relation to the yoke as the jaw contacts the workpiece in order to insure [cause] the jaw makes [to make] aligned contact with the workpiece.~~

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